

1 **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

2 Inventorship England
 3 Applicant Microsoft Corporation
 4 Attorney's Docket No. MS1-408US
 Title: Verifying the Presence of an Original Data Storage Medium

5 **DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

6 As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

7 My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to
 8 my name.

9 I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed
 10 below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the
 11 subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention
 12 entitled "Verifying the Presence of an Original Data Storage Medium," the
 specification of which is attached hereto.

13 I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified
 14 specification, including the claims.

15 I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the
 16 examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal
 17 Regulations, § 1.56(a).

18 **PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS:** no applications for foreign patents or
 19 inventor's certificates have been filed prior to the date of execution of this
 20 declaration.

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